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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,
Public School Academy Directors and Community Colleges

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

SUBJECT: 2002-2003 Competitive Charter School Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the second 2002-2003 Competitive Charter School Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle. This program is supported through funds from the United States Department of Education.

The purpose of this part of the program is to provide start-up funding on a competitive basis for new public school academies that are seeking authorization by **December 2003**. This application is also for authorized, existing public school academies that have not been awarded these funds in the past and are within the first 36 months of operation. In this part of the program, funds up to \$150,000 will be made available for activities consistent with the grant program criteria.

Applications for the second 2002-2003 Competitive Charter School Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle will be posted on the Department of Education website during the week of **May 27, 2003** for those academies that qualify.

To locate the 2002-2003 Competitive Charter School Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle, Form SB-4691-CM and the Criteria and Instructions packet, go to www.michigan.gov/mde, and click on Grants, which will take you to “What’s New,” and you will see the grant entitled “2002-2003 Competitive Charter School Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle.”

Applications must be received at the Michigan Department of Education no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2003**. An original and five (5) copies of the complete application must be submitted at that time. Questions regarding the 2002-2003 Charter School Competitive Start-Up Grant – Eighth Cycle, may be directed to Greg Olszta at 517/373-3345 or OlsztaG@michigan.gov. It is anticipated that awards will be finalized in **July 2003**.

cc: Public School Academy Authorizers

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